

Well Planted, Half Worked.

The old custom in pioneer days was to get the ground ready in some way, plant the corn, and depend on the later cultivation for the success of the crop. The new way is to prepare the seed bed with the greatest of care, and delay planting until the seed bed is thus thoroughly prepared. In the center of the corn belt, corn may be planted in the last days of April or even up to the first of June. There is nearly a month leeway. Sometimes the late-planted corn does best, at other times the early planted; and no one can tell in advance which of these plantings the season will favor. The better the seed bed is prepared, the less working afterwards will be required. Half the cultivation may be done before planting. A great deal of cultivation can be done on the smaller farms after the corn is planted, and before it is up.

If planting on cornstalk ground, first get rid of the stalks, then disk to conserve moisture, a matter of prime importance during a dry April. We have seen days in April with a dry southwest wind blowing, when undisked cornstalk ground has been found by actual experiment to lose an inch of water in a day. This is not usual, but possible. Then, if possible, after the corn ground is disked and the moisture content thus conserved, plow. This disking will prevent the waste of water and prevent clod formation. Whenever you see your corn crop ground crack open, you may be sure that clods are being formed. If it is not allowed to crack open, there will be no clods formed. It can thus be plowed to the greatest advantage, and if the harrow follows the plow, there will be no clod formation. Harrowing at intervals of a week or ten days will kill weeds by the million, and weed seeds once sprouted and then killed will give no further trouble.

After the corn is planted, and before it is up, it is always advisable to harrow. Some good farmers, when the seed bed is not satisfactory to them, blind plow before the corn is up, thus perfecting the seed bed, and then follow with the harrow. This is not practicable where a man has a large acreage to plant; but it is on small farms where the acreage is not large. Then let it alone until your corn is well up, when the weeder can be used to very great advantage, followed by the cultivator. (It is sometimes advisable to lay it by with the weeder.)

When the land has been thus treated, the after cultivation is a simple matter. You have got rid of the greatest number of weeds that will germinate that spring. One deep plowing when the corn is small, and after that all that is left is to maintain a mulch of dry dirt. We submit that this method is much cheaper and much better in every way than the old way of planting your corn in any kind of a seed bed and depending on repeated plowings to destroy the weeds and maintain a dirt mulch.—Wallaces' Farmer.

Misses Finnigan, of Clapper, were pleasant callers at this office Tuesday.

Dent Melson of St. Louis is shaking hands with old friends in Monroe. They are always glad to see him.

Please report your stock items.

Automobile supplies at A. Jaeger's.

John Deere and Keystone Disc Harrows at A. Jaeger's.

John Deere and Sattley Edge drop corn planters at A. Jaeger's.

A. Victor Ely was here from New London Tuesday.

J. M. Freeman and Dr. Sprinkle were in Shelby, Tuesday.

Mrs. White and Miss Lewis, of St. Louis are visiting the McClintic and Jaeger families in this city. The ladies are prominent in Missionary circles of the Episcopal Church and both of them are speakers of more than local prominence.

Dr. J. N. Southern took Walter Moss to a hospital in Quincy Wednesday. Mr. Moss underwent a serious operation some time ago and for a while seemed to improve but lately he has not been doing well. The Democrat hopes to hear of his speedy recovery.

A card from our good friend O. W. Colgate says that on Monday last they left Maryville for Shreveport, La. He says he heard Folk in Canon City, Colo. recently and he captured the crowd. Mr. Colgate was indeed sorry that he could not be with his many Monroe friends before going East.

Dr. W. F. and Mrs. Rutledge, of Monroe City spent last Sunday in our city partaking of a turkey dinner with the Doctor's uncle, B. P. Rutledge. Clarence Courier.

Mrs. Stella Woodson, after an extended visit with friends in this vicinity returned to her home in Galesburg, Ill., yesterday.

We have the most up-to-date line of Ranges and Cook stoves ever shown in this city. A Jaeger.

Misses Willie Hampton and Baybe Huebsch were at Paris last week taking the teachers examination. These are bright and deserving young ladies and the Democrat wishes them a successful examination.

J. A. Mudd of Hannibal, came up Sunday to visit his father's family. He returned home Monday.

Clean up the streets and alleys. Nothing is more inviting to the stranger than a clean town.

Roy McFarland was at Macon Monday.

R. V. Graham is in St. Louis.

J. H. Grady and J. H. McClintic were transacting business at Quincy Monday.

Miss Lillian McNutt visited relatives and friends at Paris last week.

Dr. Maddox is preparing to erect a fine barn at his suburban home.

O. R. Emerson went to Hannibal yesterday.

White Sewing Machines at A. Jaeger's.

The proposition submitted to the voters of Audrain county to build a new jail was defeated on the 16th inst. A proposition to build a county infirmary was carried, however.

W. A. Patterson is erecting a large barn for Charles Buckman out in the Buckman neighborhood.

R. S. McClintic now wears a fine diamond ring, a present from the employees of the State Senate.

Hon. W. B. Fahy, of Ralls, was here Thursday. From his physical appearances one would judge that his legislative duties agreed with his health.

Jas. and Neal Settles attended court at New London, first of the week.

Drs. Southern and Rutledge did not miss the Auto show at Quincy last week.

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Gov. Hadley has learned that a democratic legislature will not stand for extravagant expenditures of public money especially in cases where there is no warrant of law for such expenditures. Under the game and immigration laws, for instance.

The Confederate Volunteer of 1861.

A glance at the personnel of the Confederate army in the years 1861-65 will perhaps be instructive. In its ranks are serving, side by side the sons of the plain farmer and the sons of the great landowners—the Southern aristocrat. Not a few of the men who are carrying muskets, or serving as troopers, are classical scholars, the flower of the Southern universities. In an interval of the suspension of hostilities at the battle of Cold Harbor, a private soldier lies on the ground poring over an Arabic grammar. It is Crawford H. Toy, who is destined to become the famous professor of Oriental languages at Harvard University. In one of the battles in the Valley of Virginia a volunteer aid of General John B. Gordon is severely wounded. It is Basil L. Gildersleeve, who has left his professor's chair at the University of Virginia to serve in the field. He still lives, wearing the laurel of distinction as the greatest Grecian in the English-speaking world. At the siege of Fort Donelson in 1862 one of the heroic captains who yields up his life in the trenches is the Reverend Dabney C. Harrison, who raised a company in his own Virginia parish, and entered the army at its head. In the Southwest a lieutenant general falls in battle. It is Gen. Leonidas Polk, who laid aside his Bishop's robes to become a soldier in the field having been educated to arms at West Point.

It is a striking fact that when Virginia threw in her lot with her Southern sisters in April, 1861, practically the whole body of students at her State University, 515 out of 530 who were registered from the Southern States, enlisted in the Confederate army. That army thus represented the whole Southern people. It was a self-levy en masse of the male population in all save certain mountain regions in Virginia, North Carolina, Tennessee, Alabama and Georgia.

One gets a possibly new and surprising conception of the character of the rank and file of the Southern army in such incidents as the following: Here are mock trials going on in the moot court of a certain artillery company and the discussions are pronounced by a competent authority "brilliant and powerful." Here is a group of privates in a Maryland infantry regiment in winter quarter huts near Fairfax, Va.; and among the subjects discussed are these, Vattel and Philimore on international law; Humboldt's works and travels; the African explorations of Barth; the influence of climate on the human features; the culture of cotton; the laws relating to property. Here are some Virginia privates in a howitzer company solemnly officiating at the burial of a tame crow; and the exercises include an English speech, a Latin oration, and a Greek ode!—From "Glimpses of the Confederate Army," by Randolph H. McKim, in the American Review of Reviews for April.

E. W. Ragland, general and business manager of the Courier on last Sunday celebrated his 42 birthday. Mr. Ragland has spent the greater part of his days in newspaper work. At the tender age of 15 he acted as "devil" on the Plattsburg Register Lever and has served in the different departments of work in newspaper offices. His thorough experience and competency has placed him in first class offices. We hope Mr. Ragland may see many more birthdays and his years be bright with rainbows.—Clarence Courier.

Mrs. Augusta Donley returned to her home at Hannibal, Tuesday after a visit with Miss Lena Donley.

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Don't Kill the Birds.

The following from the Perry Enterprise holds good in this community:

It has been suggested to the Enterprise that the people be careful about killing pretty and strange birds, as Judge Gill and S. S. Scobee recently received some Hungarian quails from the Game Warden. The object of which is to propagate these birds in order that all may in after years be benefited. If any of them are killed now it means a big loss as there are only a few of them. We think the suggestion is a good one and trust all will be careful in killing birds. The fact of the business birds should not be killed. The killing of quails in season is of course all right, if they are not killed off to close.

The Fair.

The Committee is still working for the 1911 meet of the Monroe City Fair. If you want a fair held this year you must do something in the way of subscribing for tickets and do so at once. Certainly Monroe City is not going to fail to have a fair this year.

This issue of the Democrat is one of the kind that pleases the Mail order houses and the live business men of competing towns. Not an advertisement for home merchants means many dollars will go away from here to buy goods from merchants in other towns.

J. B. Headrick has just finished an artesian well for J. H. Smith and C. L. Carpenter in the new addition to the city. He went down 110 feet and found plenty of good water.

C. C. Vanschoaick, who formerly lived near North Fork, was in Monroe the first of the week and took the train Tuesday for Billings, Mont. Grover has become quite a globe trotter, having ran away from home fifteen years ago, when quite a lad, and has been a wanderer on the face of the earth ever since. He is not of the tramp order, but is an intelligent well appearing young man with a determination to see the world.

We now sell the two best gang plows on earth, the John Deere and Sattley gangs.—A. Jaeger.

Jasper Henderson went to Bloomington Tuesday on business connected with the poultry trade.

Dr. Sweeney loaded his household goods and departed with his family Tuesday, for Bowling Green where he will reside permanently and engage in the practice of his profession. This excellent family have many friends here who regret to lose them.

Mrs. C. L. Landrum, of Hunnewell was a Monroe shopper Friday.

Hon. James T. Lloyd is to be the Chairman of accounts of the special session of Congress which is to convene next Tuesday. Hon. W. W. Rucker is to be Chairman of the committee on the election of President and Vice President. This with Hon. Champ Clark as Speaker of the House gives Missouri a seat on the front row.

Three or four new residences will be erected in Monroe in the near future and a number will be remodeled to conform to modern tastes.

J. C. Gray, E. C. Gray, J. B. Schroll and D. A. Gray attended a duck supper given by druggist Bennett and others at Vandavia Tuesday evening. About 35 were present to enjoy the occasion.—Farber Forum.

Sam Montgomery the veteran railroad man is spending a few days with homefolks.

Mrs. E. S. Boulware has returned from a pleasant visit with relatives and friends at Perry.

A. C. Lewellen of Oakwood, heard some one walking about the room in which he was sleeping Monday morning about 2 o'clock. He asked who it was and a strange voice answered him. Lewellen jumped out of bed and seized his revolver and lighted a match. He saw a big nigger standing in the room. He told the nigger to hold his hands up, and made him stand there until he lighted a lamp and put his clothes on, which he did with one hand. He then marched the coon to Hannibal, a distance of two miles, and turned him over to the police. Lewellen is in the employ of the Short Line at Oakwood and has always been considered a brave man. He certainly proved it. Ralls County Times.

The following were Quincy visitors last week: Mrs. W. J. Handley, Mrs. A. H. Green and daughter, Miss Mae Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Longmire, Mr. Edna Jackson, Mrs. J. J. Dimmitt, W. L. Longmire, W. S. Woodson and T. A. Fitzpatrick. A number of other parties from Monroe were in Quincy during the week but we failed to get their names. The big automobile show was the principal attraction.

Ladies of Methodists church will have a spelling bee at the School house this, Thursday, evening, 10 cents admission at the door. A program consisting of music, recitations, etc will be rendered. The best speller will get a quilt. You are expected to be present.

E. L. Jones and wife celebrated the 58th anniversary of their marriage yesterday. Among those present were Mr. Madden and wife of St. Louis; George Jacobi and wife of Palmyra; Sam Abell and wife of Ralls county; Ab Hays and wife of Indian Creek and several Monroe relatives. The day was pleasantly spent and greatly enjoyed by all present. May Mr. and Mrs. Jones have many returns of their wedding anniversary.

The Clarence Courier must be in a prosperous condition as they are advertising \$50,000 to loan. We have been watching the Courier for some time and notice that the merchants there are doing the right thing and advertising extensively because advertising pays them as advertising always does. We hardly thought though the Courier boys had saved up \$50,000.

If your friend or any body else's friend is in Monroe on business or pleasure, please tell the Democrat man. Likewise the departure of visitors for other places. This kind of news is frequently very interesting reading to Democrat readers in distant localities who formerly lived here.

Wednesday of last week was the anniversary of Mrs. W. H. Wilson. Several of her friends arranged a surprise party for her and the evening was pleasantly spent by all.

Harry Clark is getting together a nice string of horses at the fair grounds. He now has ten head of steppers under his tutelage.

The ladies of the Presbyterian church will have a bake sale at Wade & Dawson's next Saturday afternoon. They will have on sale everything good to eat.

From present indications J. B. Anderson is fixing to leave us altogether. Mr. Anderson continues to buy land in Ark., and is offering his holdings here for sale. He is very enthusiastic about the southern country but had perhaps better keep some of his Monroe property to come back to in the future.

Adam Graves and Jasper Henderson transacted business at Hannibal, Monday.

R. Little of Hydesburg, visited his sister, Mrs. J. W. Hardesty, near Indian Creek Saturday and Sunday.